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To VIKTOR.

[C] Your instructions to SHAKH [SHAKH] to review again [2 groups unrecovered] [a]. YUN [i] gives the impression of a politically well-developed person who wishes to help us. However, he considers his potentialities to be limited, for he deals only with technical work on the magazine. He can pass on correspondents' telegrams but we receive them from other sources. Using his connections among journalists and studying the magazine's materials he could draw up political reports for us but he lacks perseverance for that. Besides, [4 groups unrecoverable] breakup [D] with his wife. YUN declares that he is used to reporters' work and would like to go abroad again, but the owner of the magazine will not send him because he disapproves of his radical views. The other day the film company RKO took him [D] on as a film producer, which he succeeded [in getting] [b] thanks to social connections in actor and producer circles. According to YUN's words,

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VARDO(ii) [C in her time] did not object to such a manoeuvre and [C afterwards] it(c) may give him an opportunity to make trips to Europe and do work useful to us. In the middle of September YUN is moving to HOLLYWOOD. We consider it expedient to continue liaison [C with him] in HOLLYWOOD. Telegraph whether a new password should be agreed upon.

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MAY [MAJ](iii)

T.N.: [a] These groups may possibly read "YUN".

[b] Inserted by translator.

[c] Or "she".

Comments: [i] YUN: Stephen LAIRD, alias Laird LICHTENVALNER.

[ii] VARDO: Unidentified.

[iii] MAJ: ~~Pavel Ivanovich PEDOSIMOV~~ *Probably Stepan Zakharenovich APRESYAN*

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